

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2008 in the above-referenced application. The Office Action required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Office Action identified Claims 1–36 and 55–57 as Group I, and Claims 37–54 as Group II. The Office Action required restriction of the application to Group I or Group II.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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